REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 9, as amended, are pending herein.

Although the issue had not be raised previously, claims 2 and 4 were rejected as being directed to non-patentable software under §101. While applicant respectfully disputes this ground of rejection, independent claim 2 has been amended to means plus function form as provided for by §112, paragraph 6. In addition, the preamble of the claim has been amended to delete the reference to software. Claim 4 has been amended for consistency with claim 2. Applicant courteously contends that as amended, claims 2 and 4 now recite patentable subject matter pursuant to §101.

Claims 1, 2, and 9 are the independent claims in the application. They relate to a method and system for controlling the applications that a user may run on his computer which is connected with a computer network. This increases the efficiency of the network and allows a particular computer user to be restricted only to run applications to which he is authorized.

More particularly, a security executable in user mode is utilized to create a list of authorized applications in a database on the network ("multi-user system") for the user, with a hook function being attached to all new applications when the computer user logs onto the network. The hook function is used to send a message including the ID for each application. The system is somewhat interactive in that the list of authorized IDs is automatically queried when the user seeks to initiate an application to determine whether the ID for the application to be initiated is within the list of authorized applications. If so, the security executable "answers" the query by allowing the user to have access to the application. If not, the application to be initiated is terminated, whereby the user is prevented from running the application. By performing the operations in user mode, the network is not burdened.

As noted in the prior response, the Winneg et al method and system securely executes an application on a computer system such that the user of the computer system can not access unauthorized content available on the system or view content accessible via the system. This is the only similarity to the claimed invention. Winneg is not interactive in that there is no inquiry regarding allowed applications or information, no

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comparison of the inquiry ID to stored IDs, and no granting of access to allowed applications. Rather, Winneg blocks access to the computer user to **all** programs other than those previously designated for use, such as by a student in taking an examination.
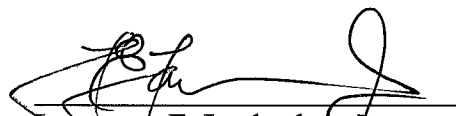
Since Winneg does not disclose every method step of claims 1 and 9 nor every element of claims 2 and 4, Winneg is not a proper ground for rejection of applicant's claims under §102. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under §102 is respectfully requested.

Allowance of claims 1, 2, 4, and 9 is courteously solicited.

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